

**County Council Reorganizational Meeting  
January 2, 2013**

**Present: Jack Kroeger, Bill Spaetti, Blake Bunner, Steve Winsett, Jim Seiler, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Auditor Lynam**

Meeting was called to order by Auditor Lynam at 7:30 A.M.

First order of business was to ask for nominations for President. Knepper made a motion to elect Jack Kroeger President. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Kroeger was elected President. Kroeger thanked Spaetti for his work as President.

Nominations were then opened for Vice-President. Spaetti nominated Blake Bunner as Vice-President. Seiler seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Bunner was elected Vice-President. Kroeger asked if anyone felt we needed a Finance Chairman; he had been serving in that capacity previously and would continue to do that, but he didn't need the title to do it.

**Council Attorney**

Bunner made a motion to appoint Eric Ayer for Council Attorney. Motion was seconded by Knepper. Kress made a motion to appoint John Wetherill Council Attorney. Motion died from lack of a second. Spaetti asked Ayer if he had any figures, as to what his fees would be. Ayer responded his would be the same as Wetherill's. Vote was Bunner, Knepper, Spaetti, Seiler and Kroeger to appoint Ayer and Winsett and Kress against.

**EMA BOARD**

Spaetti made a motion to retain Kroeger as the representative on the EMA Board. Kress seconded the motion. There were no other nominations; Kroeger was appointed.

**ABC Board**

Anthony Bender is the current appointee. Spaetti said he had spoken to Bender and he would like to be reappointed if the Council so chose. Winsett made a motion to reappoint Bender to the ABC Board. Bunner seconded the motion. There were no other nominations; Bender was reappointed.

**Indiana Region 15**

David Kress is the current representative. Bunner made a motion to retain Kress as the Council representative for Indiana Region 15. Seiler seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Tourism Commission (Visitors Bureau)**

Eric Snow and Sharon Raven currently hold these positions and both have expressed interest in retaining the positions. Spaetti made a motion to retain Eric Snow and Sharon Raven as appointees to the Tourism Commission. Kress seconded the motion, motion passed.

**LEDC**

Bill Spaetti is the current Council representative on the LEDC. Spaetti said he was willing to stay as the representative. Kress made a motion to retain Spaetti. Winsett seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Joint Appointment with Council for LEDC**

John Wesner is the current appointee, but has not expressed any interest in remaining. Bunner made a motion to appoint Larry Harlan who had expressed a desire to serve. Kress made a motion to appoint Todd Ruxer who has also expressed a desire to serve. After more discussion Kress asked to rescind the motion to appoint Ruxer. Seiler then seconded the motion to appoint Larry Harlan, Motion passed.

**4-H Youth & Community**

Bunner is the current representative and expressed his desire to stay if no one else was interested. Winsett made a motion to reappoint Bunner. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Solid Waste**

Knepper is the current representative. Spaetti made a motion to appoint Seiler as the Council representative. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Advisory Plan Commission**

Waninger is the current representative. Knepper said he would be glad to take the position. Bunner made a motion to appoint Knepper as the Council representative to the Advisory Plan Commission. Kress seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Luce Township Regional Sewer District (LTRSD)**

Current representative is Kelly Kuchenbrod and she has expressed a desire to stay on. Bunner made a motion to reappoint Kuchenbrod to the LTRSD. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion passed.

**PTABOA**

Patty Cochenour is the current appointee and Sara Arnold asked that she be reappointed. Kress made a motion to reappoint Cochenour. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

**SC Economic Development Commission**

Melvin Held currently is the appointee. The position does not expire until January 31, 2013. Bunner made a motion to table until the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to see if Held was interested in retaining the position. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Redevelopment Commission**

Eugene Steinkamp and Ron Pund are the current representatives and both have expressed a desire to remain on the Commission. Steinkamp spoke to the Council and said he felt that the Redevelopment Commission could help by being proactive in helping with problems encountered by the county. Spaetti made a motion to reappoint Steinkamp to the Redevelopment Commission. Kress seconded the motion, motion passed, with Bunner and Winsett abstaining. Lee Frobeter had also expressed an interest in serving on the Redevelopment Commission. Bunner made a motion to appoint Frobeter. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Community Corrections**

Steve Winsett is the current representative. Bunner made a motion to reappoint Winsett as the Council representative for Community Corrections. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Mariah Hill RSD**

Council felt this position was not due to be reappointed so nothing was done.

**Meeting Date and Time**

Meeting dates were set for the third Tuesday of the month, and the time was set for 5:00 P.M.

**Other Business**

Spaetti explained that the Companies the Council has given tax abatements to need to file a CF1 form by March 1 of the current year so we can make sure they have made the investments they claimed. The Council then reviews that to see if we should continue the abatements.

Lindsey said he wanted to remind the Council that they have a public hearing scheduled on the tax phase in application for Ohio Valley Resources, he wanted to make sure that the notice on the hearing had been published and scheduled so the Council could consider it on January 15<sup>th</sup>. It needs to be scheduled so you can complete the tax phase in application and approval process. Lindsey said he just wanted to make sure it was on track, and requested that it be followed up on. Knepper read an email from John Wetherill to let everyone know that it has been advertised for the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There was no other business. Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

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**County Council Meeting**  
**January 15, 2013**

**Present:** Jim Seiler, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Steve Winsett, Bill Spaetti, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Ayer, Auditor Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:02 P.M.

Kroeger thanked Spaetti, Waninger, and Wetherill for their service, and welcomed new member Jim Seiler and Attorney Eric Ayer. Kroeger then asked for a moment of silence in honor of Eric Ayer's father who recently passed away.

**Minutes**

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from 12-18-12. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Phil Brown-Bicentennial Nature Trust Project**

Brown presented a graph showing the Spencer County Innkeepers Tax that the park has paid since 1992 and the Lincoln State Park Revenue showing revenue from 1992 through 2012. BNTP is a state funded project, the sole purpose is to buy land to preserve for Hoosiers; Brown would like to see Spencer County get part of this project. Project is a one on one match; one component is to get county approval. 166 acres off the Piper property is still available and Brown felt this would be a great addition for the park. He explained that he is not asking for monetary support, just the counties blessing for the project.

Spaetti made a motion for the county to endorse the Bicentennial Nature Trust Project. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved. Kroeger asked Ayer to write a letter in support of the project for the Council to sign.

**Additional Appropriations**

Kroeger explained that these appropriations are merely putting the money that is already there into a line item so it can be used.

Misdemeanant Cell Phones	\$8,000.
Misdemeanant Other Expenditures	\$5,872.
Firearms Training	\$25,271.
Photo ID	\$ 40.
LEPC	\$7,881.
Law Enforcement/Jury Pay	\$25,000.
EMA Hazmat	\$7,371.
EMA Search and Rescue	\$7,200.
Continuing Education	\$1,534.
Health Clinic	\$17,907.
Clerk Perpetuation	\$13,106.
County User Fee	\$84,000.
Accident Report	\$2,719.
Clerk IV-D	\$9,875.
Prosecutor IV-D	\$28,267.
Sex & Violent Offender	\$7,516.
Medical Care for Inmate	\$4,507.
Prisoner Reimbursement	\$1,639.
Santa Claus Water Project	\$100,000.
Luce Township Sewer Project	\$150,000.

Bunner made a motion to approve the annual appropriations in full. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved with Winsett abstaining.

**Other Business**

Mr. Logsdon had sent copies of a request for an additional to fund 2013 Drainage Projects for everyone to consider for the meeting in February. Seiler attended the Drainage Board Advisory Meeting on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and explained a little of what went on. It was an informal meeting where they discussed what had been done and what needs to be done. Logsdon and Herron will come to the next meeting and explain what they want to accomplish in 2013.

**Spencer County Economic Development Commission-Appointment**

Melvin Held is the current member and has expressed his desire to continue in the position. Kress made a motion to appoint Melvin Held to the position for 2013. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Legal Report**

A Resolution was presented to approve expenditures from AK Steel Settlement Funds.

1. \$38,903.69 for the flyover mapping process, Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$38,903.69. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.
2. \$5850.00 to H.J. Umbaugh & Associates

3. \$10,275.00 to H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, Kress made a motion to approve the total of \$16,125.00. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved with the vote being Seiler, Bunner, Spaetti, Kress and Knepper voting for and Winsett opposed
4. \$3,910.66 to Lindsey Law Office, Bunner made a motion to approve the \$3,910.66. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

Kroeger explained that he had a bill from Umbaugh for \$5,500 where they had worked on the incentives/abatements for Project Sarah and the Redevelopment Commission had denied it. Kroeger said he would recommend sending it back to the Redevelopment Commission and ask them to reconsider it. Bunner made a motion to have the Redevelopment Commission reconsider paying the \$5,500 to H.J. Umbaugh from the AK Steel Settlement Funds. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed. Lindsey passed out paperwork to the Council to show what had been spent so far out of the AK Steel Settlement Fund.

**Roberts Rules of Order Modified**

Ayer said all the municipalities and governmental agencies for years have used Roberts Rules of Order as their framework for operating and holding their meetings. He said he felt the Council should adopt it, then if there were ever a question we could go to it and have a basis to go back to. Ayer had prepared Resolution 2013-03 for the Council to sign if they chose to adopt Roberts Rules of Order. Winsett said he would like to wait a month so everyone could read up on it and understand what they were voting on, we don't follow Roberts Rules of Order anyway, so why are we doing it. Kroeger said he felt it was hopefully to ease the process for all of us. Bunner made a motion to review Roberts Rules of Order Modified and at the next meeting act on it, that way everybody has a chance to look at it and feel comfortable about voting for it. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion passed.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion passed  
Meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

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